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Connor Tomlinson sentenced to 14 years for fatal crash

Tomlinson pleaded guilty to three Reckless Homicide charges for causing three deaths

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Connor Tomlinson has been convicted and sentenced to 14 years for a crash that killed Rebeca Rodriguez-Gomez, her daughter Jasmine Aldai, and Rogelio Legorreta. The crash occurred on December 23, 2015, on the South East Street overpass at I-465. In September, Tomlinson pleaded guilty to three counts of Reckless Homicide (Level 5 Felonies). Tomlinson was sentenced to serve five years in the Indiana Department of Correction, three years in Marion County Community Corrections on home detention and six years on probation.

"Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Ms. Rodriguez-Gomez, her daughter Jasmine, and Mr. Legorreta. This senseless tragedy and the loss suffered by their families was the result of Mr. Tomlinson's choice to get behind the wheel and drive recklessly," commented Prosecutor Curry after the sentence was ordered. "We are pleased that through this plea agreement he has been held accountable for that choice and hope that this sentence serves as a warning for others who would take such risks."

According to the investigation, Tomlinson was operating a Ford Mustang and accelerated rapidly from a stoplight on a wet roadway. The vehicle's crash data indicated that the accelerator pedal position had been at 99% for approximately four seconds prior to the crash. Tomlinson lost control of the vehicle and struck the median, causing the vehicle to go airborne. The Mustang then struck the Chevrolet Trailblazer operated by Rogelio Legorreta which was traveling in the opposite direction.